GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary Matters - Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 – Zone - II - Drawl of Fertilizer Samples – Wide variation in the analysis reports of the 1st and 2nd tests – Disciplinary action initiated against the default Officers, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Dropping of further action – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 82 **Dated: 08.02.2022**

Read the following:

1. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(1) 46/2019, dt.13.09.2019.
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.679 to 686, A & C (Vig.I) Dept. dt.25.10.2019.
3. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.I(1) 46/2019, dt.05.03.2020 & 05.06.2020.
4. G.O.Rt.No.825, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.02.12.2020.
5. The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No. Lr.No.Vig.I(1) 46/2019, dt.06.07.2021.
6. Appeal Petition dt.24.08.2021 signed by (14) Agriculture Officers of Agriculture Dept. across Andhra Pradesh received through Endt. No.333, dt.01.09.2021 of Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture.
7. Representation dt.25.08.2021 of the General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Officers Association, Guntur.
8. Govt.Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/247/2021, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.01/10/2021.
9. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig II(5) 35/2019, Dt: 11.11.2021.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has requested the Government to initiate disciplinary action against the following (3) Asst. Directors of Agriculture and (5) Mandal Agriculture Officers, under rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, with regard to wide variation noticed in the analysis reports of the 1st and 2nd tests of fertilizer samples in Zone – II of the State:

1. Sri M.Subrahmanyam, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bantumalli & Asst. Director of Agriculture (I/c.), Bantumalli, Krishna District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Kaikalur, Krishna District.
2. Sri K.Viswanadham, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gandepalli, East Godavari District.
3. Sri K.Murali Krishna, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Ghantasala, Krishna District.
4. Sri S.T.Anjaneya Rao, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gudivada, Krishna District.
5. Smt.Ch.Sowjanya, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Pamidimukkala, Krishna District & presently Agriculture Officer (T), Jaggaiahpeta, Krishna District.
6. Sri P.Chandra Sekhar, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Jaggampeta, E.G.Disttrict and presently Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Kovvur.
7. Sri M.Srinivasa Rao, Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Movva, Krishna District.
8. Smt.J.S.Jayaprada, Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Gannavaram, Krishna District.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, the Government have issued Articles of Charge against the above delinquent officers, with a direction to submit their Written Statements of Defence (WSDs) within (15) days from the receipt of these Government Orders.

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3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has submitted the Written Statements of Defence (WSDs) along with dated acknowledgement of the above Charged Officers and also stated that the Written Statements of Defence (WSDs) of the said Charged Officers are not convincing and hence requested the Government to appoint Enquiry Officer and Presenting Officer as per sub-rule(2) of rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules,1991.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Government have appointed Sri V.Sreerama Murthy, Joint Director of Agriculture, Ongole as Inquiry Authority, to conduct Common Inquiry into the charges framed against Sri M.Subrahmanyam, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bantumalli & Asst. Director of Agriculture (I/c.), Bantumalli, Krishna District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Kaikalur, Krishna District & (7) others, with a direction to complete the inquiry and furnish report to the Government within a month positively.

5. In the above orders, the Government have also appointed Sri P.V.N.Nagachary, Deputy Director of Agriculture (FTC), Peddapuram, East Godavari District, as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the Government.

6. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has forwarded the Inquiry Authority's Report on the Articles of Charge issued in respect of Sri M.Subrahmanyam, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bantumalli & Asst. Director of Agriculture (I/c.), Bantumalli, Krishna District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Kaikalur, Krishna District & (7) others to the Government for further necessary action in the matter and also stated that he has agreed with the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

7. After careful examination of the above and also keeping in view of the remarks of the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur submitted, in the reference 9th read above, in similar cases of Zone-I,III & IV and final decision taken in those issues, the Government have decided to drop further action on the Articles of charge issued against Sri M. Subramanyam, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bantumalli & Asst. Director of Agriculture (I/c.), Bantumalli, Krishna District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Kaikalur, Krishna District & (7) others in the matter.

8. Accordingly, the Government, hereby, drop further action on the Articles of charge issued against (3) Asst. Directors of Agriculture and (5) Mandal Agriculture Officers of Zone – II mentioned under para-1 above.

9. The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

The individuals concerned through the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

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SECTION OFFICER